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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: LECTURER EXCHANGE

1. DEPARTMENT FORWARDING BY SEPTTEL LIST OF OPENINGS FOR SOVIET PROFESSORS AT US UNIVERSITIES. LIST IS DIVIDED INTO CATEGORY I AND CATEGORY II. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE DEPT DESIRES THAT OPENINGS IN CATEGORY I BE FILLED FIRST BUT BOTH LISTS, TOTALLING 17 OPENINGS, SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO MHE BY DECEMBER 1.

2. ALL US UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE THAT SOVIET PROFESSRS SPEAK ENGLISH.

3. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT UNDER 1972-73 EXCHANGES AGREEMENT HALF OF LECTURERS ARE TO BE IN NATURAL SCIENCES/TECHNICAL SCIENCES/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES AND OTHER HALF IN LANGUAGE/LITERATURE/LINGUISTICS. ALTHOUGH 1974-76 PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES ANNEXED TO NEW GENERAL AGREEMENT DOES NOT SPELL OUT THIS RATIO IN PRECISE MATHEMATICAL TERMS, IT DOES RETAIN SEPARATE EXCHANGE CATEGORIES FOR BOTH GROUPS UNDER THIS PROGRAM, AND US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS AGREED ORALLY

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DURING JUNE 1973 NEGOTIATIONS TO RETAIN EVEN BALANCE

BETWEEN THESE CATEGORIES.

4. US UNIVERSITIES HAVE IN MANY CASES REQUESTED INDIVIDUAL SOVIET SCHOLARS BY NAME. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED UNIVERSITIES THAT, ALTHOUGH WE ARE PREPARED TO FORWARD NAME

REQUESTS TO MHE, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT REQUESTED SOVIET SCHOLARS WILL BE ABLE ACCEPT OPENINGS. IN EVENT REQUESTED INDIVIDUALS NOT AVAILABLE, US UNIVERSITIES HOPE FOR SCHOLARS OF SIMILAR BACKGROUND AND STATURE.

5. BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH 1973-1974 PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT DOUBTS THAT MHE INFORMS INDIVIDUAL NAMED SOVIET SCHOLARS OF US UNIVERSITY REQUESTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEW ON WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND FEASIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO ATTEMPT CONTACT REQUESTED SCHOLARS DIRECTLY TO INFORM THEM OF US UNIVERSITY REQUESTS AND INFORM THEM THAT INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO MHE. IF INTERESTED, SOVIET SCHOLARS COULD PERHAPS THEN EXERT EFFORTS IN OWN BEHALF THROUGH THEIR OWN UNIVERSITIES. AS EMBASSY PROBABLY AWARE, DEPARTMENT DOES INFORM INDIVIDUAL US SCHOLARS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY SOVIETS TO FILL SOVIET UNIVERSITY OPENINGS (PROF. MUAN, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY NAME BY MGU), ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, ASSURE SOVIETS THAT ALL SUCH REQUESTS CAN BE FILLED.

6. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF PARAS. 1-4 TO MHE WHEN SUBMITTING LIST OF US REQUESTS AND ADVISE MHE RESPONSE. RUSH

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